

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 6 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for the production of potassium hydroxy citric acid, which potassium hydroxy citric acid is not in the form of a lactone, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing Garcinia fruit;
 - b) extracting the Garcinia fruit with an alkyl alcohol to obtain an extract;
 - c) repeating step b) [an additional two times] to obtain another extract;
 - d) combining the [three] extracts of steps b) and c) to obtain a combined extract;
 - e) treating the combined [extracts] extract with potassium hydroxide to obtain a treated extract [and reflux to precipitate potassium hydroxy citrate];
 - f) [filter the precipitate] refluxing the treated extract to obtain potassium hydroxy citrate precipitate;
 - g) [wash with an alkyl alcohol and dry under vacuum] isolating the precipitate; [and]
 - h) [mill, sift, blend, and pack the dried product under nitrogen] washing the precipitate with an alkyl alcohol to obtain a washed precipitate; and thereafter

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ord. i) drying the washed precipitate to obtain dried potassium hydroxy citric acid.

5. (Amended) A new technological process for commercial manufacturing of potassium hydroxycitric acid from natural sources, which potassium hydroxycitric acid is not in the form of a lactone, [e.g., Garcinia cambogia fruit, obtained] said process comprising the steps of:

a) providing Garcinia fruit;
b) extracting the Garcinia fruit with an alkyl alcohol to obtain an extract;
c) repeating step b) an additional two times to obtain another extract;
d) combining the extracts of steps b) and c) to obtain a combined extract;
e) treating the combined extract with potassium hydroxide to obtain a treated extract;

a³ f) refluxing the treated extract to obtain potassium hydroxy citrate precipitate;

g) isolating the precipitate;
h) washing the precipitate with an alkyl alcohol to obtain a washed precipitate; and thereafter

i) drying the washed precipitate to obtain dried potassium hydroxycitric acid.

6. (Amended) [A] The new technological process [wherein hydroxycitric acid extracted] according to claim 5, further comprising milling, sifting, blending and packing